



Delaware Early Childhood Council

Healthy Young Children & Families Sub-Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes-September 5, 2018

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Children & Families First

91 Wolf Creek Boulevard

Dover, DE 19901

Attendance: Natasha Williams, Nemours Health and Prevention Services; Barbara Johnson, DE Readiness Teams; Karen Hart, LACC; Tina Shockley, Office of Early Learning; Paulina Gyan, Division of Public Health; Donna Snyder-White, United Way of Delaware; Jamie Walko, Office of Early Learning; Mary Moor, Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services; Kate Rudolph, Christiana Care; Dawn Alexander, Colonial School District; Dr. Natasha Seerattan, Nemours; Crystal Sherman, Division of Public Health; Leslie Newman, Children & Families First

1. Welcome & Call to Order

- Leslie Newman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
- All attendees introduced themselves and what agency they represent.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes from May were approved.

3. Delaware Grade Level Reading Update

- Leslie Newman informed the committee that the goals have been narrowed down to developmental screening and home visiting expansion. She provided baseline data from the National Survey on Children's Health on the status of developmental screening in Delaware. The committee discussed how this survey is from 2011-2012 but we as state have no way of capturing or identifying unique children who received a developmental screening using a validated screening tool. Delaware data collected by the National Home Visiting Resource Center was used to provide the baseline on the number of families who received home visitation services. However, we do believe this baseline underrepresents the number of families who have been enrolled in an evidence based home visiting program in Delaware. Hearing and Vision Screening data is not needed for this first year but could be requested in the future.

4. QT 30

- Crystal Sherman provided a brief overview of QT 30 including the history, the development of the booklet and how the booklet is currently used. The committee decided to focus on the overall messaging for QT 30 as well as promotion of the booklet. QT 30 emphasizes the importance of quality time with your child especially during the first 1,000 days of life, which is a critical period

for a child's development. The committee agreed that we should focus more on messaging and not the booklet. We also need to leverage partners to use and spread a consistent message.

Partners we should include:

- i. Child Care Licensing
- ii. STARS
- iii. AAP/Pediatricians and Family Practice Providers
- iv. Birthing facilities
- v. School Districts
- vi. WIC
- vii. Division of State Service Centers
- viii. Faith Based organizations
- ix. Division of Family Services

5. Updates

- Paulina Gyan explained the Care Coordination Learning Collaborative that is being proposed. The Collaborative will work on both the individual and policy or systems level to eliminate/resolve gaps using Continuous Quality Improvement as the model for improvement. Leslie Newman, Paulina Gyan and Crystal Sherman will be meeting with Family Service Cabinet Council to gage alignment.
- Paulina Gyan informed the committee that the ECCS Impact teams just finished their first 18-month cohort and are beginning the second cohort. A team of 13 will be traveling to Arlington to Virginia to connect with other states and plan for the second cohort. An event titled "Books, Balls and Blocks" will take place at the Rt. 9 library in October to give families an opportunity to participate in developmentally appropriate activities with their children. Developmental screenings will also be provided to children at the event. ECCS is implementing a training series for families titled "Champions for Young Children" which will build family leadership capacity in communities.
- Mary Moor-
 - i. Continued with Social/Emotional learning curriculum; 3rd year at Warner and Shortlidge; brought curriculum to early childcare centers
 - ii. All of Wilmington Head Start will receive booster training
 - iii. Mental Health consultants will receive TA to improve quality
 - iv. Continue to struggle with parent groups (name?)
 - v. They will continue to grow community cafes-bi-monthly learning series will include ACEs and impact of trauma
 - vi. Books continue to be distributed at early learning centers with activity guide
- Jamie Walko provided a brief update on the ECIC committee, as they have not met all summer. The next meeting will take place on September 18th. The ECIC committee has begun updating the booklets. They also completed the state self-assessment and the committee would like to be instructed to develop a plan and strategies to implement the plan.

6. Next Steps

- Paulina Gyan will provide data on the current level of activity on the DE Thrives QT 30 website.
- The entire committee will provide ideas on how to get the message out to parents.

7. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will take place on October 25, 2018 at 1:00 PM at Children and Families First Dover office.

